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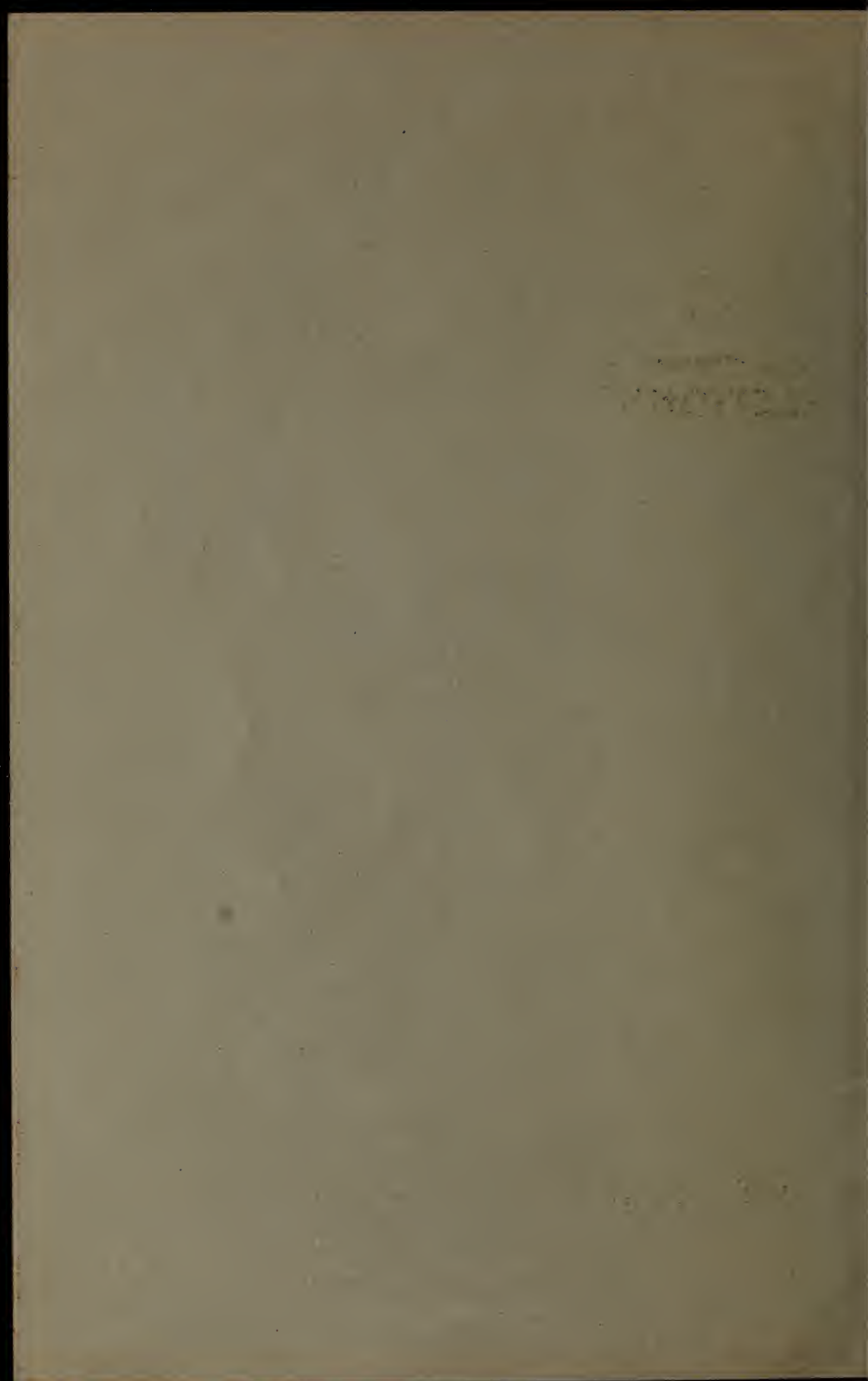
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CHQ - Reported by R. B. Langan, Chairman of the
Chicago Conference for the Expansion of Technocracy
Inc. (For more details see Langan's complete
report obtainable at your SHQ, or from R. B. Langan,
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Technocrats are trained to investigate all FACTS before arriving at decisions. Why then has our Organization been subjected to IRON CURTAIN tactics by CHQ regarding the correct information concerning 'Operation Chicago Conference?' If Howard Scott has nothing to hide, why did CHQ request all Bulletin Editors to refrain from disclosing to the Field exactly what has happened?

Why did CHQ insult and confuse the entire Membership of Technocracy Inc. by issuing the Sept 28, 1948, release which is so contradictory to FACT? Only the full understanding of Technocracy's situation will cause Technocrats to cooperate as a body towards our future goal.

All Members who favour the policy of 'Let Technocrats arrive at a decision AFTER knowing the FACTS' will not be afraid to make the following WITNESSED details known throughout the Organization.

A copy of this issue of the Eastern Area Digest will be mailed to any Member requesting one. If you know of some other Members who would like a copy, send their names and addresses, and a copy will be forwarded immediately.

REPORT ON VISIT OF CHICAGO CONFERENCE DELEGATION TO CHQ

For the record, let it be stated: A group of functional Members of Technocracy Inc., in good standing with paid-up Membership dues, met in Chicago, Illinois, at the Sheridan-Plaza Hotel, Wilson and Sheridan Roads, Chicago, Illinois, on the 11th and 12th of September, 1948, for the specific purpose of formulating a policy for the Expansion of Technocracy Inc., to be presented to the Director-in-Chief of Technocracy Inc. for implementation by CHQ. The material so devised for the Expansion of Technocracy was to be duly and properly presented by a selected delegation of the Chicago Conference, representative of the entire Continental Area. The material so drawn up is now contained in the printed Program of the Chicago Conference, three copies of which has been forwarded to your Section Director.

The delegation chosen by the twenty-five representatives thus assembled at the Chicago Conference were:

- A. E. Thomas, 11833-2, Chairman ATH 11833-11834;
- A. A. Milligan, 12348-1, Authorized Speaker-Organizer working out of 11451-1 for southern Alberta;
- R. C. Stephens, long-time Officer and functional Member of 12247-3;
- Chas. G. Norris, Director 7943-1, Authorized Speaker-Organizer for the Province of Ontario and adjacent areas;
- R. B. Dangan, Managing Editor, the Great Lakes Technocrat, Authorized Speaker from 8741-1.

That delegation, on September 15, 1948, called upon Howard Scott and presented the Program to him. They laid in front of him all the material, including the Letter to 'Director-in-Chief of the Continental Board of Directors of Technocracy Inc.' with the original signatures of the 25 individuals presenting it. It is, therefore, impossible for the delegation or the Chicago Conference members to understand how such an open, above-board and voluntary action can be considered a 'conspiracy' or how any one could have 'uncovered' anything. It was openly placed before Howard Scott, in the presence of Wilton Ivie. It supplied Howard Scott with the names of the twenty-five individuals who signed the document. In no other way would it have been possible for Howard Scott to have determined those names.

The second visit on September 15, 1948, and the reception accorded that group of five functional members of Technocracy Inc., interested solely in presenting a Program from the Field for the Expansion of Technocracy Inc., intended to have been

implemented by CHQ, has been outlined briefly in the Letter to Howard Scott, dated September 20, 1948, printed at the end of the Program of the Chicago Conference. Howard Scott has received that original letter; the Chicago Conference has in its files a registered return Certificate of its receipt at CHQ.

Members of Technocracy have studied the Scientific Method. They advocate its use in every field of human behaviour and in the entire social mechanism. Therefore, it is expected that the Sections and Groups of Technocracy Inc. and the individual members thereof, will apply the scientific method in the analysis of the Chicago Conference Program.

Let us examine the facts as contained in the printed Program of the Chicago Conference, openly placed before Howard Scott, Director-in-Chief, with the specific suggestion that this Program be implemented by CHQ. After reading the Program, the Members of Technocracy Inc. will be able to judge whether that Program would sabotage Technocracy Inc. or advance it.

The Chicago Conference Program is concise and clear; it was and is designed to expand the activities of Technocracy Inc. all over this North American Continental Area. It can be instituted by a duly appointed Continental Board of Directors, with a minimum number of five Directors; that Board to be selected at an Annual Meeting of the Membership of Technocracy Inc., such meeting to be duly convened as provided by the laws governing Membership Corporations.

For every Technocrat of North America, the time of decision has arrived. Shall we permit the continuation of a non-functional structure at our Continental Headquarters, where decisions are now reached solely by one man, or shall we establish an Organizational structure at Continental Headquarters along functional lines, its operations to be determined by a majority decision of the Continental Board of Governors. Your support for the Chicago Conference Program, therefore, will be based on whether or not we shall set out our own house in order and Make Technocracy Move!

R. B. Langan had arranged for a conference with Howard Scott by telegram prior to the delegation's trip to New York 'to discuss serious problems'. Early Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 15, 1948, he telephoned CHQ to make sure that Howard Scott was there. All five of the delegation then went to CHQ. Introductions were made all around, and we sat down to talk. Chas. G. Norris took the lead and stated that our purpose in

coming was to discuss ways and means to revitalize the operating mechanism of Technocracy Inc. He got about as far as to state that we had a Program. Howard Scott interrupted and asked to see the Program. Scott was handed the Preamble to the Program, which lists all the symptoms of the decline of Technocracy. Howard Scott read this and then stated that many of the points mentioned had considerable merit to them, but that the document was not specific. He was told that it was only a statement of reasons for and symptoms of the decline of Technocracy Inc., and that we had a specific detailed Program.

This was handed to him and he read both Document A and Document B. Then we gave him the proposed General Mailing Release, entitled 'A Basic Change of Policy.' He glanced over this and did not say much. However, as soon as he finished, he demanded to know who started this movement and who financed it. He accused Langan of obtaining an interview under false pretenses. A cat may look at a King. Even a louse may crawl around in a Queen's hair, as Robert Burns pointed out. However, the Members of Technocracy Inc, have no right to an interview with Howard Scott, whom they pay and sustain in his office, except on the terms laid down by him.

In regard to paragraph one in Document A, requesting a financial report, Howard Scott stated that CHQ was preparing a financial statement as of August 31, 1948. At this point C. G. Norris asked if there were financial statements in the files for periods prior to August 31, 1948. Scott said 'Yes.' Norris said: 'What's the matter with letting us see them?' Scott merely shrugged his shoulders.

Howard Scott told the delegation that the other Directors of Technocracy Inc. were there only for legal purposes. This means that they are straw men, appointed purely to keep the number of Directors from falling below the minimum necessary in law. However, Howard Scott at no time told us who these Directors were. He flatly refused to name them. This leaves Howard Scott in sole control of Technocracy Inc. He is a quorum of one, in direct contradiction to law, since one man cannot constitute a quorum. There must be more. Consequently, Howard Scott makes all the decisions which should be made only by a majority of the Board empowered to act. Howard Scott, alone, makes the policy of CHQ and Howard Scott, alone, enforces it in any way that it suits him. If this were not correct, Howard Scott would not mind naming the other Continental Directors. This he refuses to do. All the operations of CHQ are shrouded in extreme secrecy.

The Members of Technocracy, for a period of 15 years, have been illegally deprived of the most simple, elementary legal rights of Membership Corporation members. Howard Scott said that what governs the Sections (BL & GR) does not apply to CHQ. He was asked directly if CHQ has a separate set of By-Laws to govern its own operations. He said 'No.' What this amounts to is that Howard Scott considers CHQ to be not only above the BL & GR, but also above the laws of New York State, since CHQ is under no compulsion to obey its own By-Laws.

Howard Scott reiterated several times that the Program of the Chicago Conference was an effort to effectuate a legal reorganization of Technocracy Inc. He was politely informed by several of the delegation that such was not the case, since all the objectives outlined could be reached by simply implementing present provisions of the New York State Law. This fact made no impression whatsoever on Howard Scott. He insisted that it was a legal reorganization. Even if the Program was a legal reorganization, where would be the crime in that? Who has a better right to ask for alterations in the operating mechanism of Technocracy Inc. than the Members who operate it, who pay the freight, and who do the work?

At one point in this interview, Howard Scott said flatly that the Continental Board of Directors of Technocracy Inc. was 'a self-perpetuating Board.' Those are his words. Now, listen carefully, Fellow Technocrats! There is no such thing in existence for Membership Corporations as a self-perpetuating Board. Such a thing is illegal, arbitrary, authoritarian and fascistic. The law plainly states, in language a nine-year old can easily understand, that Directors 'shall be elected by the members and other persons entitled to vote therefor.' Those are the exact words in the law. However, it seems that such mundane things as a simple legal requirement do not apply to the grandiose concepts of the executive head of Technocracy Inc.

After considerable discussion, Howard Scott said that the delegation was engaged in a conspiracy. He must really think that the delegation was composed of subnormal quarter-wits to swallow a statement like that. We point this out because the documents handed to him to read were signed by 25 Members of Technocracy Inc. in their own handwriting. What kind of 'conspirators' are they who sign their 'conspiracy' and hand it openly to the one they are supposedly 'conspiring' against? Simple horse sense shouts that some one is badly confused! While during the interview Howard Scott accused the delegation of conspiracy, he also, several times, in the presence of six

witnesses, stated that he had no doubt whatsoever about the integrity and sincerity of the delegation. Evidently, the man must be confused!

All during that first and only interview, Howard Scott kept dragging in extraneous material to becloud the issue. He tried to tie in the Chicago Conference Program with some local Section problems in Detroit. He tried to tie it in with H. V. Wilkie's efforts to get Gray Suits for Members. He condemned Wilkie strongly. He dragged R. W. Herking, Director of the Detroit Section, in and tried to tie him with Wilkie and the Chicago Conference Program in such a way as to infer that the Chicago Conference Program was not the open and aboveboard conclusion of about 100 top functional Members but a private move of some sort.

Howard Scott refused to answer any questions.. He refused to reveal the names of the Continental Directors. He refused to let the delegation look at the financial records. He refused to appoint any temporary Directors to bring the number up to the five specified in the Certificate of Incorporation. He refused to discuss the Program itself but went off constantly on all sorts of tangents to kill time and divert attention. Time after time the delegation brought him back to the Program and time after time he went off the subject.

Every Member of the delegation gave his personal assurance that he had only the highest regard for Howard Scott and only wanted to expand Technocracy and retain Scott as Director-in-Chief. All this went off Howard Scott like water goes off a duck's back. He wanted to know who started the move. He wanted to know who financed it. He refused to answer direct questions at least a dozen times. Asked if there was any good reason for such secrecy, he said 'No.' Nevertheless, he refused to answer. In fact, the only direct question he answered was to the effect that CHQ did not have a separate set of By-Laws for its governance.

Howard Scott refused to answer pertinent questions. He stated flatly that CHQ has only one bank account and no safety deposit boxes, and that all that CHQ owns is the furniture in the office. The delegation has evidence from two members of the operating staff at CHQ that CHQ has an account in the Amalgamated Bank and one in the Chase National Bank of New York. Howard Scott told R. B. Langan personally at a previous visit to CHQ that he had a safety deposit box.

If such high personal regard - why all the d...?

Asked if he would cooperate with the Program of the Chicago Conference, Howard Scott said he had to 'see some other people first.' Those are his words. When asked who the other people were, he refused to answer. He also said that he would have to see his legal staff. After trying all afternoon to pin Howard Scott down to something definite without results, we all went out to dinner. After dinner, the futility was resumed and lasted till about 11 p.m. If ever a human being demonstrated unwillingness to talk, to answer questions, or to be pinned down, it was Howard Scott. This behaviour of his can lead to but one conclusion. That is, there must be something of a highly dubious character at CHQ that must be kept hidden at all costs.

Surely, it cannot be the Body of Thought of Technocracy. Then it must either be something connected with the personal life of Howard Scott or something connected with the Organization.

WHAT IS IT THAT MUST BE KEPT HIDDEN AT CHQ?

After parting that night, Howard Scott agreed to meet the delegation the next day, September 16, 1948, at 6 p.m. He agreed to go over the Program point by point. The next day we thought it would be a good idea to have the entire operating staff at CHQ present to participate in the coming conference. We thought they would be able to contribute something definite to the discussion because of their long experience in the operations of Technocracy Inc. So we sent Special Delivery letters to the following: Margaret Von, shipping clerk, Gertrude Dennis, assistant treasurer, A. W. Atwater, and M. A. Briggs, requesting them to join us at the dinner meeting.

M. A. Briggs was present when the letters were delivered on September 16, 1948. Howard Scott signed for the Dennis and Von letters. M. A. Briggs signed for hers and that of A. W. Atwater. Howard Scott used physical violence to push M. A. Briggs away and grab the two letter out of her hand. Remember, this was her personal mail. She grabbed them back and retained them. Howard Scott opened the Dennis letter. What happened to the Von letter we do not know. Briggs delivered the A. W. Atwater letter to him in his office. The above tussle took place in the presence of two postal clerks delivering the registered mail.

The letters invited the four people to dinner with the delegation before going into conference. Scott forbade Briggs to attend the dinner. She said she was going. Howard Scott said: 'You're dismissed from CHQ.' It happened just like that.

After M.A. Briggs had put in $6\frac{1}{2}$ years of faithful, efficient service at CHQ, she was fired summarily because she insisted on her personal right to go to dinner with Technocrats from out of town. Howard Scott then went into A. W. Atwater's office and forbade him to go to dinner with the delegation. A.W. Atwater said he'd go anyway. Howard Scott said: 'You're dismissed from CHQ.' A. W. Atwater said: 'That's fine, Chief. I want a letter stating why I'm being dismissed.' Atwater had put in $7\frac{1}{2}$ years at CHQ. It does not count, however. The operating staff of CHQ have no personal life; they must bow to the whims of Howard Scott.

Of course, the real reason they were fired was not because Howard Scott did not want them to go to the dinner. It was because he did not want them to attend the conference that evening. Howard Scott has something to hide at CHQ. He is afraid to talk to Members of Technocracy in front of his own operating staff. WHAT IS HOWARD SCOTT HIDING AT CHQ?

When the delegation showed up at 6 p.m. for the Dinner Conference, Howard Scott had the office doors locked, and refused to permit the delegation entry on their own CHQ property. He forced them to wait in the outer reception room. Howard Scott stood behind the heavy screen door leading to the inner office and said: 'Gentlemen, there'll be no conference.' Asked why, he said: 'Your conduct this afternoon.' That was all. Howard Scott breaks promises whenever it suits him.

That night we had a conference with our attorney. After much discussion, it was decided to go ahead with action in the Supreme Court. That is the only recourse left. This requires time and money. However, it must be done. If in the meantime the Program of the Chicago Conference gains sufficient support from the Members of Technocracy Inc., interested in the Expansion of the activities of Technocracy Inc., then the Petition to the Court can always be withdrawn at any time.

The next day, Friday, September 17, 1948, the delegation decided to make one more appeal to Howard Scott for an interview. A. A. Milligan and A. E. Thomas were selected to make the effort. They went up to CHQ and met a cold reception. Howard Scott told them Technocracy was like the Army and had to operate vertically with arbitrary authority. Thomas told Scott that he (Thomas) had put five years in the Army, and that there was no similarity whatsoever. In the Army even the last private in the rear ranks is entitled to, and gets, a trial when he is accused of anything serious. In Technocracy Inc.,

you get kicked out, smeared, and lied about if you dare to doubt or question the divine authority and wisdom of Howard Scott. Some similarity!

After this second demonstration of Howard Scott's defiance of law and the rights of Members, the delegation went to the offices of the Attorney General. They were assigned to an Assistant Attorney General for interview. The delegation was informed that, based upon what we had told him, the corporation (Technocracy Inc.) was not being operated as a true Membership Corporation. By this the Attorney General meant that the Members of Technocracy Inc. were being deprived of their legal rights, and the public was being deceived about the nature of Technocracy Inc.

ANALYSIS
The Assistant Attorney General stated, after an examination of the BL & GR that it appeared that the Director-in-Chief has everything at CHQ rigged nicely to suit him. The BL & GR makes Members and Sections subject to CHQ with no voice or rights of their own. He said he'd like to study the BL & GR further, so we left a copy with him. *must be mind to conclude at a glance in BL & GR - above statement*

At the interview in the Attorney General's Office, the delegation uncovered another major lie that Howard Scott has broadcast inside and outside the Organization. He has repeatedly stated, and often from the platform at Membership Meetings, that CHQ files annual reports with the Attorney General's Office. The Office of the Attorney General disclosed that no papers from Technocracy Inc. were filed. Annual reports to the Membership are required by law, but not to the Attorney General's office. Howard Scott has never in 15 years given reports to the Membership and has lied about giving reports to a Government agency which doesn't even require reports from Membership Corporations.

The next night we had a final conference with our attorney. He advised us on many points of procedure. It was definitely decided to go through with a Petition to the Supreme Court. Lest some Technocrats may not know what this means, let us explain. In New York State, Membership Corporations such as Technocracy Inc. come under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. If any Member of such a corporation suspects, or knows, that something illegal is going on in the operations of the Board of Directors of the corporation, he can petition the Court for an investigation. The Court may appoint a Referee, depending upon the disclosures made, who will hold hearings and inspect the records of the corporation. His report to the Court forms the basis of their later action. We do not know what the Referee will find. We do know, however, that Howard Scott has laid him-

self and Technocracy Inc. wide open by his behaviour as Director-in-Chief. The Members of Technocracy Inc. have legal rights as Members. Howard Scott has flouted and denied these rights for years. The Members of Technocracy have a higher loyalty than loyalty to Howard Scott. That loyalty is to the Continent of North America, its people and its future destiny. The Body of Thought of Technocracy contains the only solution to the social problems facing this Continental Area. Without Technocracy, there is no future for North America, except the social hell of fascism.

What, then, shall we say and do as Technocrats when one man arrogates to himself the sole power to control and direct the policies of Technocracy? Have we learned nothing from history? Have we learned nothing from the millions of people killed in the late war against fascism? What shall we say and do when one man obstructs the expansion of Technocracy in North America? Every Technocrat knows that what the Germans call the 'fuehrer princip' or the principle of leadership is directly contrary to and incompatible with the principles of science. The leadership principle is nothing more nor less than pure fascism. Fascism is a vertical-authoritarian alignment of social controls. That is the way Howard Scott has been operating Technocracy Inc. for many years. 1

The scientific method is not authoritarian. Science is the determination of the next most probable in any field, not the authoritarian pronouncement of 'eternal verities.' The scientific method of social operation is a functional alignment of social controls. There is a world of difference between this and fascism. One is a dictatorship. The other is social operation by measurement of social facts.

Technocracy is the social aspect of science. As such, it is unalterably opposed to fascism wherever found. If it is found outside of the Organization, we will fight it. If it is found inside the Organization, we will do likewise. Technocracy is dedicated to North America, not to Howard Scott. The position of the Chicago Conference on this point is correct. We know it is correct, and we will follow this line no matter what happens. Let every Technocrat examine the facts. That is all the Chicago Conference asks.

- R. B. Langan, Chairman of the Chicago Conference for the Expansion of Technocracy Inc., for and on behalf of the delegation of five; A. E. Thomas, A. A. Milligan, R. C. Stephens, Chas. G. Norris, and R. B. Langan.

Key men —
Rothman 'RATS' —

BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

The Chicago Conference has already resulted in a step-up in activity. For the first time since April, 1947, a general release has been received from CHQ! This is indeed a notable achievement, but it is not the only one. Sections in this Area report a decided increase in activity. Record Membership Meetings, Study Groups and Round Table Discussions are the order of the day. A new spirit of enthusiasm is evident; morale has risen; Technocrats feel that at long last Technocracy is on the move!

At a Special Membership Meeting called in Toronto the attendance was almost 100% greater than at any Membership Meeting in our SHQ history. All the chairs in the large auditorium were occupied. Benches were called into use at the rear, and still some Members were forced to stand. The response to the appeal for support for the program of the Chicago Conference was a veritable landslide. The largest Membership turnout in the history of the Windsor Section gave similar support. At Kitchener their SHQ bulged at the doors — and so on down the line. The same enthusiastic reception was given the Chicago Conference Program at Hamilton, St. Thomas and Brockville.

Technocracy — the Organization

Technocracy is a body of thought. It is also an Organization which is the vehicle for carrying the body of thought. It is a functional Organization with each Member supposedly occupying the position best suited to his ability. A Technocrat holds the position or office in the Organization for which he is best suited. It has long been said by Speakers, and written in the literature of the Organization, that a Technocrat holds office not on the basis of past performance but on the basis of present ability and present function. Just as in the Schematic Administration as set out in the blueprints for a Technate, the Member holds that position towards which, in a free functionally operating mechanism he would naturally gravitate through his demonstrated ability.

The Section Governor of Organization, for instance, is the man who, by virtue of his ability and willingness to function, is the man (or woman) best fitted for that position. But, brilliant and capable as he may be, he does not usurp this position and decide in a dictatorial manner the course that Organizational policy will take. He has a Committee, and the members of the Organization Committee contribute their knowledge and their particular abilities to the sub-sections of the Organization Committee. His ability to co-relate the sum total of knowledge of his Committee and to view the overall picture in the Organizational field gives him the privilege to finally determine the course that organizational policy will take. If he falls down on the job and another Member of Technocracy appears who possesses superior qualifications together with a desire to function, the Board of Governors replaces him by the more suitable Member.

As a Committee in a functional, dynamic, Organization it can operate in no other manner. The chief point to stress here is that the operating mechanism of a Section is always in a state of dynamic flux. At all times the rule must be observed — the best man for the job! No consideration of personal feelings, friendship, likes or dislikes, enters the picture. What is the ability of the Member for the job? That is the criterion. This is how a Technate will operate. This is the very core and substance of the body of thought of Technocracy. It is through the application of the principle of the functional operation of the social mechanism from the details to the overall picture that the future of North Americans will be assured and the distribution of abundance achieved. The Organization of Technocracy Inc. should be a structure in miniature of an operating Technate, with certain consideration given to the tactical position of such an Organization operating within the confines of a Price System.

What Do We Find?

But on examining the operating characteristics of the Organization of Technocracy Inc., what do we find? We find the individual Sections operating in a functional Technocratic manner. We find some area coordination achieved almost entirely on the trial and error method in the particular area — and damned little of that! We find, in the main, each individual Section finding out the hard way, and at much cost and loss of time, the best course to pursue. CHQ, which should be the disseminating centre for such vital information, gained from experiences all over the Field, has, since the war years, been sitting comfortably on his posterior extremity.

No direction, worthy of the name, has come from CHQ. No general release since April, 1947! On the contrary, most applications for information and direction have been ignored. Any display of enthusiasm has been squelched, either by the effective method of not bothering to reply to correspondence, or by the subtle sabotage of delaying tactics. So, thousands of Technocrats, aware of this strange state of affairs at CHQ, began to ask questions. Here and there, over cups of coffee after Section meetings, discussions took place and questions were asked. What was the explanation of this strange behavior of CHQ?

Speculations

Was he growing discouraged after 16 years of struggle? Had he written off the Technate as an impossibility and in the manner of idealists had cynically resigned himself to the inevitable — the continuance of the Price System in some bastard and degenerate form?

or

Had a change of heart developed in the course of 16 years? Was he selling out the Organization to some fascist group who might utilize enough of the principles included in the body of thought of Technocracy to continue the operation of the North American social mechanism in some manner that would retain for the beneficiaries of the Price System their present privileges and preferential advantage?

or

Had he just grown tired of it all and, being in a position to enjoy all the material pleasures that he might desire, had he come to look upon Technocracy as a pleasant hobby — his own creation? Had he become content to relax his efforts and retire within the serene enclosure of a satisfied mind and treat Technocracy as an interesting and pleasing intellectual pastime?

All these discourses over cups of coffee in restaurants and Members' homes in cities and towns all over this Continent were, of course, pure speculation. And the speculations noted above do not exhaust the list. There were less flattering speculations which we will not enumerate here. But the point to stress and re-stress is that they were purely and simply speculations. What other form could they take when there were no facts from CHQ to form a correct analysis? For always, at CHQ, there has been that impenetrable Iron Curtain behind which no Member of Technocracy has been permitted.

Sabotage of What?

What? Seen priced what? — years of life

The principles of functional operation have been restricted to Section operation. They do not extend in logical sequence to the pyramiding apex of CHQ. Let us stop kidding ourselves! As Technocrats we have been guilty of just that charge for 16 years. CHQ is Howard Scott! It is a tyrannical and dictatorial setup that would put all the tyrants of history to shame. In his latest release (the first in 17 months) he reports that the Continental Board of Governors was unanimous in upholding his decision to dismiss the 25 members of the Chicago Conference. He also, somewhere along the line, speaks of putrid fish. Enough said! Any Technocrat who has gone through the 22 Lessons of the Study Course and become one with the body of thought of Technocracy will get the connection. If the staff of the Eastern Area Digest should become informed by CHQ of their dismissal from the Organization of Technocracy Inc., they are quite prepared to receive the additional information that their dismissal was unanimously ratified by the Continental Board of Governors.

CHQ accuses the 25 functional Members of the Chicago Conference of sabotage. We ask — sabotage of what? We are acquainted with several members of this conference. We know personally Ayton Thomson, George Thomson, Bert McDougall, Chuck Norris, Harry Wilkie, Ralph Herring, Art Milligan, Bob Langan and Alice Langan. It is inconceivable to us that any one of these Technocrats, let alone all of them, would be guilty of sabotaging the body of thought of Technocracy and the welfare of the people of the North American Continent. Their record in the history of Technocracy is an open book. To them, Technocracy is their life. They have sacrificed Price System position, material comfort; they have sacrificed years of their lives in reduced hours of sleep, in expenditure of energy; they have been as unselfish and as expendable as any individuals whom we know of of whom we have read in history. What sacrifices have you, Howard Scott, made, in the last three years, for Technocracy? You speak of sabotage. Again we ask — sabotage of what?

The Genius Class

Yes, we realize that you are a clever man and an intelligent man. After all, you did play a part in designing the Energy Certificate. We Technocrats are mostly ordinary people. We are not members of the genius class. Perhaps we are not intellectually qualified to analyze your strange behaviour in recent years. But it seems very strange to us that no person who has entered — via the

Field — into Technocracy, has yet been intellectually and functionally qualified to receive just a glimpse of the higher strategy that directs you to pursue the course that, to us of humble qualifications, is incomprehensible.

Your latest effort, Howard Scott, (the preliminary report on sabotage) is not a work of genius. It has sold the Members of this Area, more than anything else, on the program of the Chicago Conference. Most of the Members of the Hamilton Section, for instance, received your effort before they received the program of the Chicago Conference. To be blunt and to the point, they were disgusted and disillusioned. As one such Member remarked: 'It had all the appearance of a clever smoke screen to cover up something.' If that was the best that Continental Headquarters could produce — then God help Technocracy! You got the first punch in at Hamilton, Howard Scott, but the facts triumphed in the end.

It is indeed a sad day for Technocrats when the first release in 17 months from CHQ descends to the intellectual level of the name-calling and bogey-raising antics of the Communist 'Daily Worker' and the fascist 'Social Justice' of Father Coughlin. You employed the oldest method of throwing bait to suckers, Howard Scott, the oldest bait used by tyrants — sabotage! It is an ugly word. Stalin employs the same method with Tito, and Tito with Stalin. Hitler used it to perfection. One characteristic, common to all dictators, is this — the complete absence of scruples when, in order to gain their ends, it becomes necessary for them to distort the truth.

What degree of credulity do you think Technocrats are capable of reaching? What stock do you think conditioned Technocrats, who have disciplined themselves to look at any situation in an objective and scientific manner, would place in your vituperative charges against the five members of the Chicago Conference who appeared before you? We, the real Technocrats, know these men, Howard Scott. We do not know you as well. We know their personal characteristics. We are convinced of their integrity. Their self-sacrificing record of the last ten years speaks for itself. When you charge that the personality and behaviour of the members of this delegation was suddenly transformed from those characteristics which we Technocrats in the Field have observed for years to those of body dealing tough guys, you will please excuse us if we take your latest release with a grain of salt. Hitler whipped up the emotion of his followers with bigger and better lies. Surely you give Technocrats credit for a higher degree of intelligence than that which

Mr. H. G. Scott, Chicago, Ill.
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existed in the Storm Troopers. You charged that the delegation threatened to take over CHQ by force. Are there any Technocrats who are so naive as to fall for that line? The intelligence and mental stability of the members of the Chicago Conference who appeared before you refute your charge. !!!

The members of the Chicago Conference acted in good faith. Your charge of secret conspiracy is not valid, because it is known and was so stated to you that these Members wanted this program of expansion and the setting up of a functional CHQ to be issued from CHQ. In this way the morale of all Technocrats would be lifted and a new respect would be held for CHQ. If the Program had been made public before its presentation to you, this desired effect would have been largely lost. *Thence*

However, you reacted violently in a dictatorial manner and charged the Chicago Conference with disruption of the Organization. You felt that your 'supreme power' was being threatened and you issued a release containing an inaccurate account of what took place between you and the delegation. You charged that the five members of the delegation demanded that two of their number be immediately placed on the Continental Board of Governors, and on full time duty and salary at CHQ, and that the other three be placed on a full time and salary status as soon as possible. The Program of the Chicago Conference which was placed in written form before you, refute your statement.

The Program states that, if the number of Continental Directors is less than five, that it be increased to five by appointment of Members of Technocracy Inc. approved by the delegation, to act only until Nov. 15, 1948, at which time the Membership would approve or disapprove the appointments at the Annual Membership Meeting. This requirement was merely to ensure that the number of Directors would equal the number required by law. You, Howard Scott, have resorted to the tactics of misrepresentation. Is it not you who must be held to account for any confusion that has taken place in the Field?

Technocracy is no intellectual pastime with the Technocrats in the Field who are doing the hard work. They will not sacrifice their Organization nor the future of 200 million North Americans on the altar of any individual's dictatorial whim or personal ego. They will not permit the fate of a Continent to be dependent on the integrity, infallibility and continued existence of one man. They demand a functional Continental Headquarters that will command the respect not only of Members, but also of the functional engineering personnel of this Continent!

S A B O T A G E

CHQ has placed a blanket charge of 'sabotage' on all supporters of the Program of the Chicago Conference. When all the facts have been laid before the Members it will then be up to the individual Technocrat to arrive at his own conclusion derived from an objective analysis of the facts presented. If he finds evidence of sabotage against Technocracy's body of thought, then he has no alternative. His first loyalty must be to the Body of Thought and to North America.

CHQ claims that there was sabotage evident at Operation Columbia, the 1947 Toronto Area Conference, Operation Golden Gate, and Operation Lake Erie. We were present at two of these events and observed no such evidence on the part of Technocrats from the Field. In fact some of the 'saboteurs' of the Chicago Conference were instrumental in promoting these operations.

There are, however, a few questions that we would like answered. We would be very grateful to any Technocrat who can supply the answers.

Was the previously arranged plan for a police escorted tour through the city of Seattle on 'Operation Columbia' ordered cancelled at the last minute? This is an especially pertinent question because of the fact that the police escort squad of several dozen had already had their leaves cancelled by the Seattle Police Department for this particular operation.

Why was the order given at the last moment to cancel the parade of Gray Cars through Toronto at the time of the 1947 Toronto Area Conference?

Why did Howard Scott state that a Public Meeting arranged to be held during 'Operation Golden Gate' was out of order — and thereby, by his declaration, sabotage the success of this meeting?

Why did Howard Scott decline to sit in on a meeting of the Detroit Board of Governors during Operation Lake Erie?

Why was no action taken and no reply made to the letter to CHQ from the Cleveland Worsted Mills Co. in April, 1947, offering to supply Gray Cloth to specification, on 8 to 9 weeks delivery? Why has the statement been repeatedly made since then that Gray Cloth was not obtainable? Why was H.V. Wilkie accused of sabotage when he, on his own initiative, in response to the desire of Members for Gray Suits, made available Gray Suits?

Why has the Study Course, the very basis of our educational tool, not been brought up to date? Why do Study Class leaders have to suffer the humiliation of observations from visitors and new members that the Study Course is talking always in terms of the present — but that the 'present' is the depression of 1933, with World War I as of recent memory?

Why is CHQ situated geographically so remote from most Technocracy Sections? Is the purpose for this to keep as far away as possible from the prying eyes of Members? Why are the Technocrats of the East behind the Program of the Chicago Conference? Is it because more of them have been to CHQ and have made observations?

Why was the New York Section, 7340-4, closed? Ask any former Member of the New York Section. They have been close to CHQ. They know the score. We quote from a recent letter from a former member of the New York Section:

"I want you to know that your action for the first time opens the road to building an Organization of such correctness and function that it will be able to command the unreserved loyalty of those who understand the correctness and urgency of the Body of Thought. Your action must be fought through to a successful conclusion under any circumstances. Unless it is, the Organization is doomed.

"I wonder if you realize what the Conference Program and action means to many like myself, who don't really live unless they can work for Technocracy, but who have seen operation high in the Organization which was nowhere near up to the Body of Thought, but couldn't do a damned thing about it. As individuals, no one could. It will be a bitter fight, and from Scott's tactics so far, it will be damned dirty, and it will be of the utmost seriousness. But, by God, it will settle a lot of things."

In an Ontario city, Technocracy had been presented to several classes of a University. Several members of the University, both of the student body and of the faculty, were keenly interested. However, before they got into the Organization they wanted to make sure what they were getting into. They made an investigation of their own in New York, probably similar to that made by the delegation of the Chicago Conference. We have been urging the public for years to investigate Technocracy. Some of the public have taken us at our word. They have gone right to New York with their investigation, and they did not become members of Technocracy Inc. Why did they report back that Technocracy Inc. was not operated in a legal manner, and that all evidence pointed to CHQ being a financial racket?

There have been some strange things going on high in this Organization. Each action in itself is inexplicable. When enough of them are taken together they begin to add up. The various pieces of the jig-saw puzzle are beginning to fall into place. CHQ accuses the members of the Chicago Conference of secret action in violation of the By-Laws and General Regulations. This charge of secrecy is dealt with earlier in this issue. However, we wish to make the observation here that CHQ is in a beautiful position. It has no set of By-Laws and General Regulations for itself. It can condone any mysterious act or withhold any information on the grounds of 'higher strategy.' It cannot be held to account for any of its actions. A lovely set-up!

In other words the Members of Technocracy Inc. must operate on faith. Members of a scientific social organization must believe in the all-pervading infallibility of one man. If he lives to be one hundred years old, we must still have faith. We must become as little children and have 'faith.' If we question the correctness of a command, or if we try to help him we get spanked and called saboteurs. What do you think of it, Technocrats? Is this the highest type of behaviour of which we, as Technocrats, are capable? Can we call it intelligent? Is it compatible with the scientific method?

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Does it smack of the authoritarian brand of behaviour? Is this what the body of thought of Technocracy has taught us? CHQ has frozen Section bank accounts, built up by the nickels and dimes of Technocrats, in arbitrary fashion, notwithstanding the fact that Sections, according to BL & GR, are financially autonomous units. It has frozen the funds of the 'Great Lakes Technocrat' on the eve of publication of an issue,

thereby depriving the Members and the general public of a magazine for which they have paid in advance, and by its authoritarian action directly sabotaged Technocracy. We do know that the police have been called in at different Sections in an attempt to intimidate the supporters of the Chicago Conference. Are we, Technocrats, so lacking in guts that we are going to succumb to this gigantic game of bluff — this attempt by certain elements in Technocracy to create the impression that they have legal power to enforce their will on the Membership?

The former members of the CHQ staff who are behind the Program of the Chicago Conference are not afraid of CHQ. They know that it is a hollow shell. We Technocrats in the East who are nearest to New York City are not afraid of CHQ. Elmore Philpott, the only Canadian journalist of note who has given Technocracy favourable publicity in the past, is not afraid of CHQ. We quote from his article in the 'Vancouver Sun' of Sept. 30:

"Howard Scott reacted to the Chicago decision in undemocratic fashion. In spite of the fact that the people who had taken part in it included many of the oldest, most loyal and hard working Technocrats, dozens were 'dismissed' by Scott in the arbitrary manner well known in totalitarian countries, Fascist or Communist.

"The general Membership of Technocracy is not only doing its duty to the Organization, but rendering a real public service by undertaking this housecleaning job.

"There could be a great future for a Technocracy organization which would show the people of North America how to get economic abundance, but without putting their hands in the shackles of totalitarian control."

It is the duty of every Member to use the scientific method of analysing the facts and reaching a decision. The decision rests with you — the individual Technocrats.

If you are for the status quo — if you want mere secrecy, more mystery, and more inactivity — then you will do nothing!

If you are for the Program of the Chicago Conference — for a functional CHQ, for an end to secrecy, for the progression of the Organization to a new plane of activity and vitality — then fill out the enclosed form and forward it at once.

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